

Chamber Choir 2018 - 2019

Membership in the VCMS Chamber Choir is reserved for the most skilled musicians. A good musician is different from a good singer. A good musician is able to blend and balance his or her voice within the choir, follow the conductor's directing, learn music independently, and sight read. Students in the VCMS Chamber Choir will be challenged to perform music well above the middle school level.

The weekly rehearsals will be every Monday until **5:30pm**. From January through Mid-March we will also rehearse on Wednesdays until 5:30pm. Additional rehearsals may be added if necessary. Please see the VCMS Chorus webpage for the VCMS Chorus Calendar for changes in the schedule. (www.VickeryCreekMiddleSchoolChorus.com)

There is a membership fee of \$40 for the purchase of music and supplies. This will need to be sent in by October 8.

Chamber Choir Policies

Because of the extremely high standards that this elite group strives to maintain, I have devised a demerit system that will help keep rehearsals productive and efficient.

Demerits will be given for the following reasons:

Chewing Gum	Not Picking Up Your Trash	Late to Practice	Disrespectful to Others
Out of Seat/Area	Cell Phone Visible	Excessive Talking	Poor Attitude
No Rehearsal Log (2 demerits)		Unexcused Absence (3 demerits)	

Receiving 6 demerits will end membership in the Chamber Choir. There are many people willing and capable of singing in this group. Membership in this group as an honor and students should act appropriately.

Chamber Choir Auditions

8th grade: Auditions will be on 10/22. 8th grade students who have been in chorus at VCMS will sing their part of the required song, all 3 scales (major, minor, chromatic), and sight read 4 measures.

7th grade: Auditions will be 10/22. 7th grade students who have been in chorus at VCMS will sing their part of the required song, all 3 scales (major, minor, chromatic), and sight read 4 measures.

6th grade & new 7th/8th grade: Auditions will be 10/22. Auditioning students will sing the voice part they are auditioning to for the required song. They will also sing major scale, transition, minor scale, in addition to sight reading four measures.

All Students: Every student auditioning must have two teacher recommendations. These forms can be printed from the VCMS Chorus website. These forms should be given to two academic teachers from the year for which they are auditioning. These are due to Mrs. Grizzle by the date before the auditions. Teacher recommendations are figured into the overall score, so students without both teacher recommendations will not be considered.

Permission to Audition

If you believe your child to be a dedicated musician and he or she is able to attend all after school rehearsals, please give your permission to audition below. Any student auditioning must have this form signed and turned in to be able to audition.

I have read the Chamber Choir policies with my child. We know what is required for the audition process. If selected for the Chamber Choir, I realize there is a \$40 membership fee and that my child will need to attend all rehearsals.

Student Name

Grade

Parent Signature